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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN  
SUBJECT: MAC MEETING

1. PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN KPA AND UNC SENIOR MAC MEMBERS,  
CALLED FOR BY KPA SENIOR MEMBER TO DELIVER RESPONSE FROM KPA  
SUPREME COMMANDER TO CINCUNC MESSAGE, CONVENED FROM 12 NOON TO  
12:15 PM, AUGUST 21. CHINESE NOT PRESENT. FOLLOWING ARE KPA  
SENIOR MEMBERS OPENING STATEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF MEETING

2. OPENING STATEMENT: BEGIN QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY  
THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY TO CONVEY  
HIS MESSAGE TO THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE UNC SIDE.

BEGIN INTERIOR QUOTE: IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT NO BIG INCIDENT  
OCCURRED AT PANMUNJOM FOR A LONG PERIOD. HOWEVER, IT IS REGRETTABLE  
THAT AN INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA, PANMUNJOM,  
THIS TIME. AN EFFORT MUST BE MADE SO THAT SUCH INCIDENTS MAY NOT  
RECUR IN THE FUTURE. FOR THIS PURPOSE, BOTH SIDES SHOULD MAKE  
EFFORTS. WE URGE YOUR SIDE TO PREVENT PROVOCATION. OUR SIDE  
WILL NEVER PROVOKE FIRST BUT WILL TAKE SELF DEFENSIVE MEASURES  
ONLY WHEN PROVOCATION OCCURS. THIS IS OUR CONSISTENT STAND.  
END INTERIOR QUOTE

I HOPE YOU CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR SIDE'S COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF IN THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE TIME. END QUOTE.

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3. UNC SENIOR MAC REP ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT MESSAGE AND UNDERTOOK TO FORWARD IT.

4. KAP SIDE THE MADE SECOND STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE: I HAVE ONE THING TO ADD. THIS MORNING YOUR SIDE AGAIN COMMITTED A PROVOCATION BY BRINGING HUNDREDS OF COMPLETELY ARMED PERSONNEL INTO THE JSA WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. SUCH ACTIONS ON YOUR PART MIGHT CAUSE SUCH INCIDENTS AS THE ONE THAT OCCURRED ON THE 18TH. I STRONGLY DEMAND THAT YOUR SIDE COMMIT NO SUCH PROVOCATIONS. END QUOTE.

5. UNC REQUESTED COPY OF KPA MESSAGE. KPA SAID IT HAD NO COPY, THEN REQUESTED REPLY TO THEIR STATEMENT. UNC SAID HE HAD COME TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE AND HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY. KPA ENDED WITH FOLLOWING FINAL STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO STATE ONCE MORE CLEARLY THAT THE PROVOCATION YOU COMMITTED THIS MORNING IS A SERIOUS ONE WHICH MIGHT CAUSE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. THEREFORE I HOPE THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS AND TAKE RESPONSIBLE MEASURES SO THAT SUCH PROVOCATIONS DO NOT RECUR. END QUOTE

6. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS CALM AND QUIET. ONE INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO MEETING: THE NEUTRAL NATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT IN THE AREA; THE POLES AND CZECHS WERE FRIENDLY; THE SWISS AND SWEDES PRESUMABLY ANNOYED OVER LACK OF ADVANCE NOTICE THIS MORNING WERE COLD AND REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE US REP'S SALUTE.

7. REPORT ON MEETING GIVEN ROKS. COMMENT: KPA STATEMENTS ARE COMPARATIVELY MILD AND AMBIGUOUS.  
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